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Commissioner Bob Stump
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Dear Commissioner Stump:

Subject: Docket No. E-01575A-15-0127

SSVEC says they are pro-solar, but this clearly is not true for residential solar.

It would appear in SSVEC's recent net metering proposal that solar customers, as a rate class, are being singled out unfairly. This could be construed as single issue ratemaking, and unconstitutional in Arizona. If this issue is to be fairly resolved, the merits of the utility's assumptions of a cost shift must be heard in a rate case where it can be weighed alongside all other cost shifts inherent in the utility (SSVEC) business model. Only then can evidence and testimony from both sides be presented and discussed in the context of ratemaking, and not a unilateral attack on one rate class.

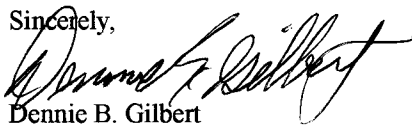
"The "grandfather date" presented by SSVEC has put a freeze on the solar (free) market and has already hurt AZ solar installers. I would ask that this "grandfather date" be lifted from the proposal and that solar installations can continue under the current net metering rules, as there has been no decision one way or the other on the issue. Lengthy court proceeding only stand to exacerbate the problem moving forward. It is imperative, as a person who owns a solar electric system, that the solar contractor that installed my system stay in business to service any maintenance or warranty issues that may come up. This proposal is making that seem very unlikely.

SSVEC mailed their proposed intention to its members only 2 days before docket submission to the ACC. My overall reaction was one of "class warfare." That is, the "solar haves" versus the "solar have-nots." Via this docket proposal, SSVEC exacerbates this perception by grandfathering the current "solar haves" for 20 years hence.

If this policy is adopted by SSVEC, it will absolutely kill the residential solar business in Cochise County. Aside from killing an industry that is good for the economy and the environment, it also means that existing users will no longer have anyone to maintain their systems.

This docket item should be a rate case. This docket item is a defining moment for the Arizona Corporation Commission and reaches far beyond SSVEC and the other utilities you regulate.

Sincerely,


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